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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Communications

SUBJECT: PAMM Automatic Keying Device (OC R & D Project 2082)

1. This memorandum confirms 11 January conversation between [redacted] of your office and [redacted] of the FI/OPS Staff concerning the status of the PAMM automatic keying device.

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2. [redacted] advised that a retested prototype of the PAMM would be available to this Agency within two months and that arrangements are being made to "clear the decks" for the procurement of 20 prototypes, rather than one item.

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3. It is the opinion of the FI/OPS Staff that the availability of PAMM and other automatic keying devices (the Agent Automatic System, AS-1; the Agent Automatic Keyer, ET-2) will greatly enhance the Agency's potential in the field of [redacted], staybehind activity as well as emergency communications. The automatic keying devices will contribute to the elimination of the lengthy Morse code training requirement levied on all agents at the present time.

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4. Subsequent to conversation with [redacted] our review of the OC Quarterly Progress Report for the period 1 July 1954 through 30 September 1954 shows that the PAMM and the ET-2 keying device project have Priority II, while the AS-1 project has Priority I. This office recommends that all three projects should have Priority I.

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Chief,
Foreign Intelligence

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